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Applicant : Walter STOEPLER et al.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicant is filing this preliminary amendment concurrently with a request for continued Examination. The Application is amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 8.

A two month extension of time is hereby petitioned. A check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed. However, if no check is attached or if the Patent Office deems that any additional fees are necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.